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SUBJ: U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COLOMBO PLAN COUNTRIES

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLOMBO PLAN DHREAU.

2. QUOTE: LAST SEPTEMBER THE BUREAU, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE COUNCIL, REQUESTED COLOMBO PLAN GOVERNMENTS TO SEND THE BUREAU ON A QUARTERLY BASIS EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROVIDED UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN (COUNCIL DOCUMENT C 77/31 OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1977 REFERS). IT IS ON THE BASIS OF THIS INFORMATION THAT THE BUREAU THEN PREPARES CHAPTER IV (EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT) FOR THE COLOMBO PLAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT.

3. WE ARE NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF DRAFTING CHAPTER IV FOR COUNCIL'S 1977/78 ANNUAL REPORT. ACCORDING TO THE DATA SO FAR SUPPLIED BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, APART FROM ONE OR TWO EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIRD COUNTRY ARRANGEMENTS, THE ONLY REGIONAL COUNTRY NOW RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON A BILATERAL BASIS FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PAKISTAN OR AT LEAST IT IS THE ONLY COUNTRY FOR WHOM ANY EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED. JUDGING BY THE WIDE RANGE OF REGIONAL COUNTRIES WHICH BENEFITTED
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FROM U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN 1976, ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE COUNCIL'S LAST ANNUAL REPORT, EITHER THE RANGE OF EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED, IS TOO NARROW OR THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR CHANGE OF POLICY - I WOULD GUESS THE FORMER IS CORRECT.

4. YOU MAY LIKE TO WARN WASHINGTON OF THE POSITION FOR WHAT

IT IS WORTH. WE SHALL BE FINALISING CHAPTER IV TOWARDS THE
END OF NEXT MONTH. IF WASHINGTON WOULD LIKE US TO PRESENT
IN CHAPTER IV A MORE BALANCED PICTURE OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL
SCOPE OF THE US'S TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION EFFORT UNDER THE
COLOMBO PLAN, IF THEY WILL SEND US OTHER EXAMPLES WE SHALL
BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM. THESE WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO
REACH US BY THE MIDDLE OF JULY AT THE LATEST. IF WE HEAR
NOTHING FURTHER WE SHALL JUST GO AHEAD AND MAKE USE OF THE
MATERIAL WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED. UNQUOTE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.

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